

REMARKS

Applicants are amending the claims to put them in more proper U.S. format. This amendment is not intended to narrow the scope of the claims and is not in response to a patentability rejection. Further, no new matter is believed to be added. Therefore, it is requested that this amendment now be entered.

If any further fee is due for this amendment, please charge our deposit account 50/1039.

Favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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